

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action of December 15, 2005, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Accordingly, claims 2-13 were rejected as depending from a rejected claim. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 14-18 have been allowed and that claims 1-13 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection of claim 1 under §112, second paragraph.

In an effort to work toward a suitable amendment to claim 1 that would overcome the rejection under §112, second paragraph, Applicant corresponded with Examiner Wujciak via email. Applicant appreciates Examiner Wujciak's willingness to discuss the present application informally, especially after a final Office Action. As a result, Applicant was permitted to propose the above-listed amendment to claim 1 and, responsive thereto, Examiner Wujciak indicated that the proposed amendment was successful to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Applicant hereby formally presents this amendment for entry into the record. Therefore, the rejection under §112, second paragraph, has been overcome and claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-18. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 17-0055

Respectfully submitted,

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